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# SUPERBOY

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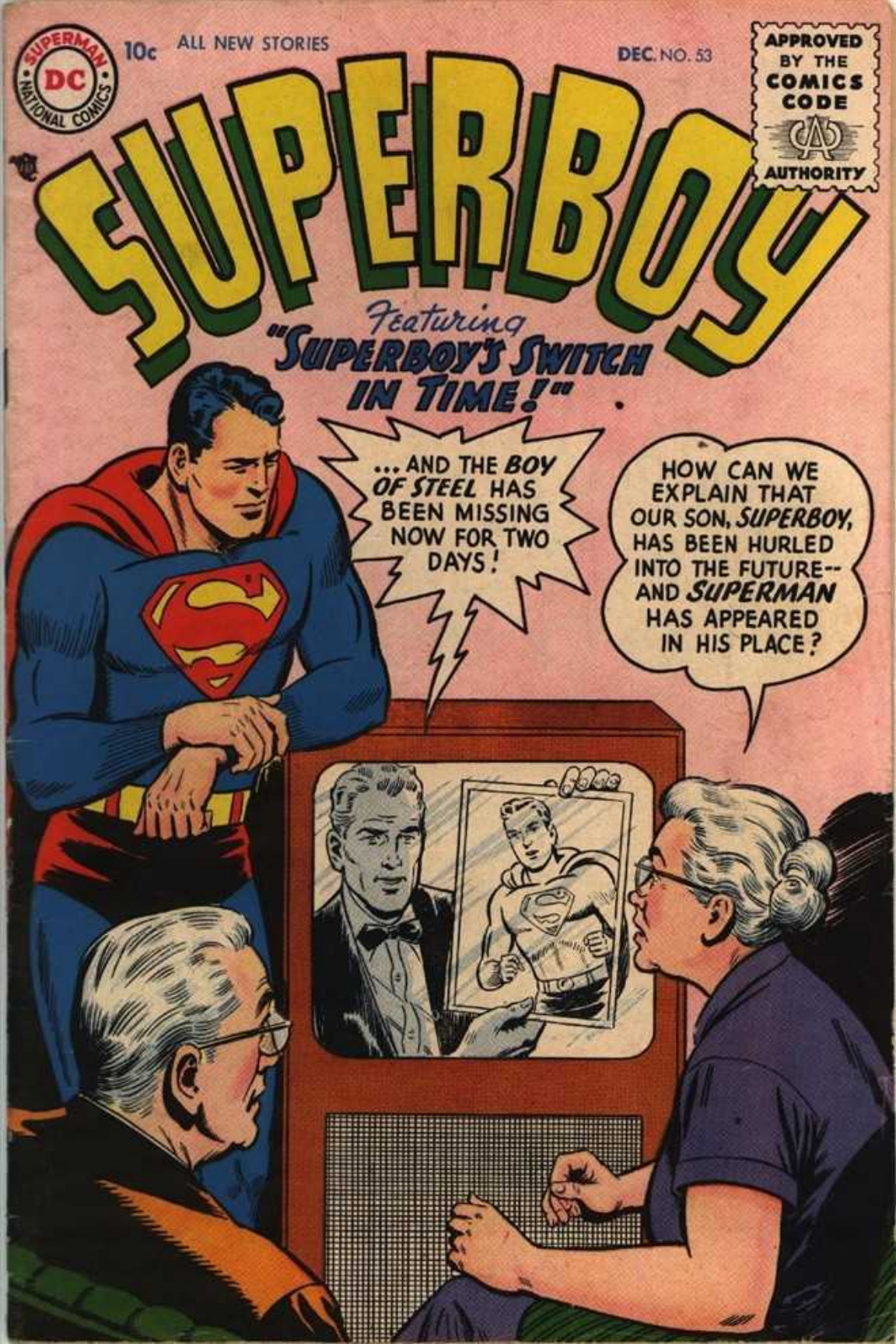
...AND THE BOY OF STEEL HAS BEEN MISSING NOW FOR TWO DAYS!
HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN THAT OUR SON, SUPERBOY, HAS BEEN HURLED INTO THE FUTURE-- AND SUPERMAN HAS APPEARED IN HIS PLACE?

SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
AMONG THE THINGS THAT GIVE SUPERBOY HIS UNIQUE POWERS IS HIS INDESTRUCTIBLE COSTUME. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE ELSE WHO WORE IT? WELL, SEE FOR YOURSELF WHEN, BY A STRANGE QUIRK OF FATE, NOT ONE BUT FOUR MEN GET HOLD OF...
THE SUIT OF STEEL
SINCE SUPERBOY DIDN'T COME TO CLAIM HIS UNIFORM, WE'LL DIVVY IT UP. WE'LL EACH GET A PART!
THIS SUIT I'M WEARING WON'T LAST OUT THE DAY! I MUST GET BACK THE ORIGINAL-- BUT HOW CAN I WITHOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY?
ONE MORNING, AS CLARK KENT PAYS A NEIGHBORLY VISIT TO THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR...
LANA LANG HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON HER NEW FLOWER GARDEN... I'LL GO SEE IF I CAN HELP!
SUDDENLY...
WHAT--? GULP!
OH GOODNESS! I'M SORRY, CLARK... I DIDN'T SEE YOU COMING!

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BUT THIS ACCIDENT IS ALL LANA NEEDS TO SET HER SUSPICIOUS MIND WORKING AGAIN...
HMM... COULD THAT BE A CAPE HIDDEN UNDER HIS WET CLOTHES?... PART OF THE SUPERBOY UNIFORM? MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT IF I ACT FAST!
GRACIOUS! YOU'RE SOAKING WET! YOU'D BETTER CHANGE IN OUR GARAGE, BEFORE YOU CATCH COLD! YOU'LL FIND SOME OF PAP'S DRY GARDENING CLOTHES IN THERE!
BUT... BUT...
INSIDE, CLARK SWIFTLY SURMISES LANA'S MOTIVE...
GOLLY, I CAN'T WEAR MY SUPERBOY COSTUME UNDER THESE CLOTHES! YET, IF I HIDE IT IN THIS GARAGE, LANA WILL SNOOP UNTIL SHE FINDS IT!
BUT I'LL FOOL HER! I PUT MY COSTUME IN THIS EMPTY CARTON I FOUND. NOW I'LL FLING IT MILES AWAY TO THE CITY DUMP, SAFE FROM LANA'S PRYING EYES!
THANKS, LANA! I'LL GO HOME NOW FOR FRESH CLOTHES AND BRING YOUR DAD'S BACK LATER!
...AFTER I PICK UP MY COSTUME!
NO YOU WON'T, CLARK! FOR IN YOUR HASTE, YOU FAILED TO NOTICE SOME LETTERING ON ONE SIDE OF THAT BOX...
HEY, WHAT'S THIS--? SOMEBODY THREW AWAY OLD CLOTHES! I'LL SHARE THEM WITH MY PALS!
CITY DUMP
OLD CLOTHES
LATER... AT A HOBO CAMP...
HEY! THIS LOOKS LIKE SUPERBOY'S COSTUME!
AW, IT CAN'T BE HIS REAL ONE! BUT IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO FIND OUT IF IT'S A FAKE! GO ON-- TEST IT IN THE FIRE!

HOLY SMOKE! IT WON'T BURN!
I CAN'T CUT HIS PANTS--!
AND HIS CAPE WON'T RIP!
WOW! IT'S THE REAL THING-- SUPERBOY'S OWN INDESTRUCTIBLE SUIT! BUT WHY WOULD HE THROW IT AWAY?
WHO KNOWS? WE'LL WAIT AWHILE AND IF HE DOESN'T CLAIM IT, THAT'LL PROVE HE DIDN'T WANT IT!

MEANWHILE, CLARK KENT'S SEARCH AT THE CITY DUMP IS FRUITLESS...
IT--IT'S GONE! WHO COULD'VE PICKED IT UP? I'LL ASK MA KENT TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTE UNTIL I FIND IT!
CITY DUMP

LATER, AT HOME...
HOW'S THAT, SON?
LOOKS GOOD, MA! JUST LIKE MY REAL SUIT! I MADE THE BOOTS AND BELT MYSELF OUT OF SCRAP LEATHER!

SOON...
NOW TO COMB THE TOWN AT SUPER-SPEED, SEARCHING FOR MY GENUINE SUIT! AND I HOPE I FIND IT SOON! THIS IMITATION WON'T HOLD UP IN EMERGENCIES!

ALL TOO TRUE, SUPERBOY, FOR WHEN A FIRE BREAKS OUT...
I SAVED THIS WOMAN AND CHILD, BUT MY CAPE, CUT FROM ORDINARY CLOTH, CAUGHT ON FIRE!

I'M TAMPING IT OUT WITH MY HANDS, BUT THE FRINGE OF THE CAPE IS CHARRED! OH-OH! GUNSHOTS NOW NOT FAR AWAY!
BANG
BANG
BUT, ALTHOUGH THEY PIERCE HIS HOME-MADE SUIT, BULLETS STILL BOUNCE FROM THE INVULNERABLE FORM OF THE BOY OF STEEL...
BANG
AFTER THE CRIMINALS ARE JAILED...
THIS WON'T DO AT ALL! I'LL BE IN RAGS BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER! I'VE GOT TO FIND MY GENUINE SUIT--AND FAST!
AND FINALLY, HIS SEARCH COMES TO AN END AT THE HOBO CAMP...
WELL, WE WAITED LONG ENOUGH. GUESS WE CAN KEEP IT. SUPERBOY DIDN'T COME FOR IT!
OMIGOSH! HOW CAN I CLAIM IT, WITHOUT EXPLAINING HOW IT GOT IN THAT BOX? IF LANA EVER HEARD ABOUT IT, SHE'D KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY!
WE'LL DIVVY IT UP. BOOTS... SHIRTS... PANTS... AND CAPE! WE ALL GET A PART OF THE SUIT!
OH NO!
AFTER THE TRAMPS LEAVE...
I'LL RUSH THIS BOX BACK TO LANA'S GARAGE, BEFORE SHE NOTICES IT'S GONE, THEN I'LL FOLLOW THOSE HOBOES SECRETLY! I MUST GET MY SUIT BACK, SOMEHOW!

BUT RETRIEVING YOUR SUIT WILL NOT BE EASY, SUPERBOY! FOR INSTANCE, TAKE THE DELIGHTED HOBO WEARING YOUR BOOTS...
HAVING SMALL FEET, SUPERBOY'S BOOTS FIT ME. THEY'LL NEVER WEAR OUT, AND WHAT A LUCKY BREAK THAT IS!
I CAN EVEN TAKE THIS SHORTCUT THROUGH BURNING LEAVES WITHOUT HARM!
WHAT IS SUPERBOY'S PLAN AS HE PURSUES HIM?
AH, I KNOW ONE WAY TO GET THEM AWAY FROM HIM, YET WITHOUT MY BEING SEEN!
SOON...
YIPES! I'M SINKING INTO THE GROUND... MUST BE QUICK-SAND!
NOW TO PULL THE BOOTS DOWN SLOWLY! HE THINKS IT'S QUICKSAND, SO HE'LL SCRAMBLE TO SAFETY, LEAVING THE BOOTS!
I-- I'M SAFE! BUT THERE GO MY WONDERFUL SUPER BOOTS... (CHOKE!)
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THEN, SUPERBOY TURNS HIS TELESCOPIC VISION ELSEWHERE...
THAT HOBO IS SELLING MY PANTS! BUT WHY WOULD A WEATHER MAN WANT THEM?
WEATHER STATION
THE UNIQUE REASON IS SOON REVEALED...
THIS SUPER "WEATHER BALLOON," FILLED WITH HELIUM, WILL BREAK ALTITUDE RECORDS! ATTACH THE ALTIMETER FOR A TRIAL FLIGHT!
WEATHER STATION
BUT CONCEALED BY CLOUDS...
THEY'LL TRACK IT BY RADAR AND RETRIEVE IT WHEN IT LANDS! SO IT MUSTN'T LAND! SUPER-BREATH WILL BLOW IT INTO SPACE!
THIS IS FAR OUT OF RADAR RANGE! THEY'LL THINK IT GOT "LOST" IN SPACE! NOW TO LET THE GAS OUT... AND I'VE GOT MY PANTS BACK!
TELESCOPIC VISION, PLUS SUPER-HEARING, LOCATE THE THIRD ITEM...
A CROOK BOUGHT MY SHIRT!
IT'LL MAKE A PERFECT BULLET-PROOF VEST! I CAN PULL A JOB AND NOT WORRY ABOUT THE POLICE!
POOL ROOM
SHORTLY AFTER...
HA-HA! HIS BULLETS ONLY BOUNCE OFF THIS SUPERBOY SHIRT!
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM WITHOUT SHOWING MYSELF!
BANG!
BANG!
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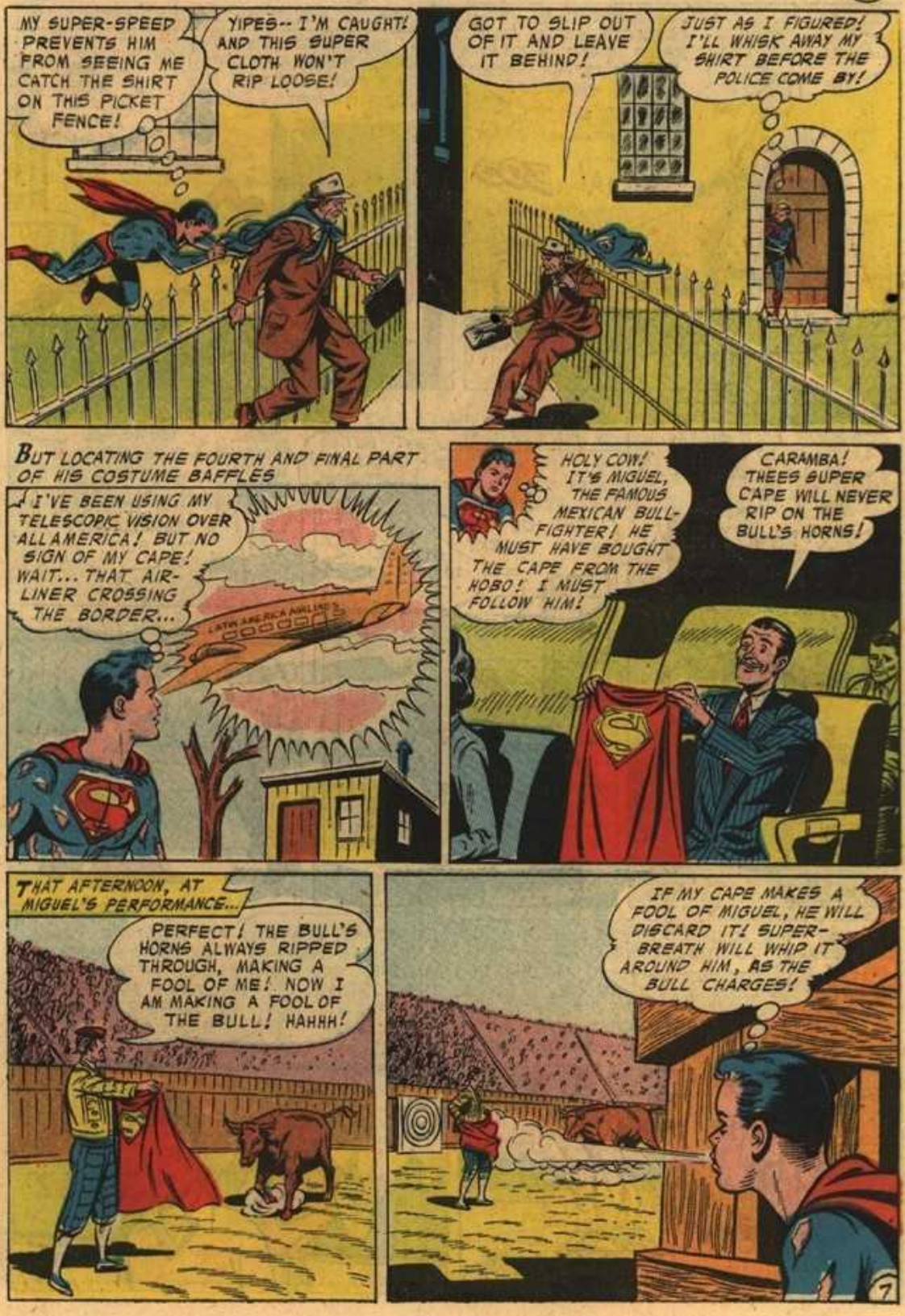
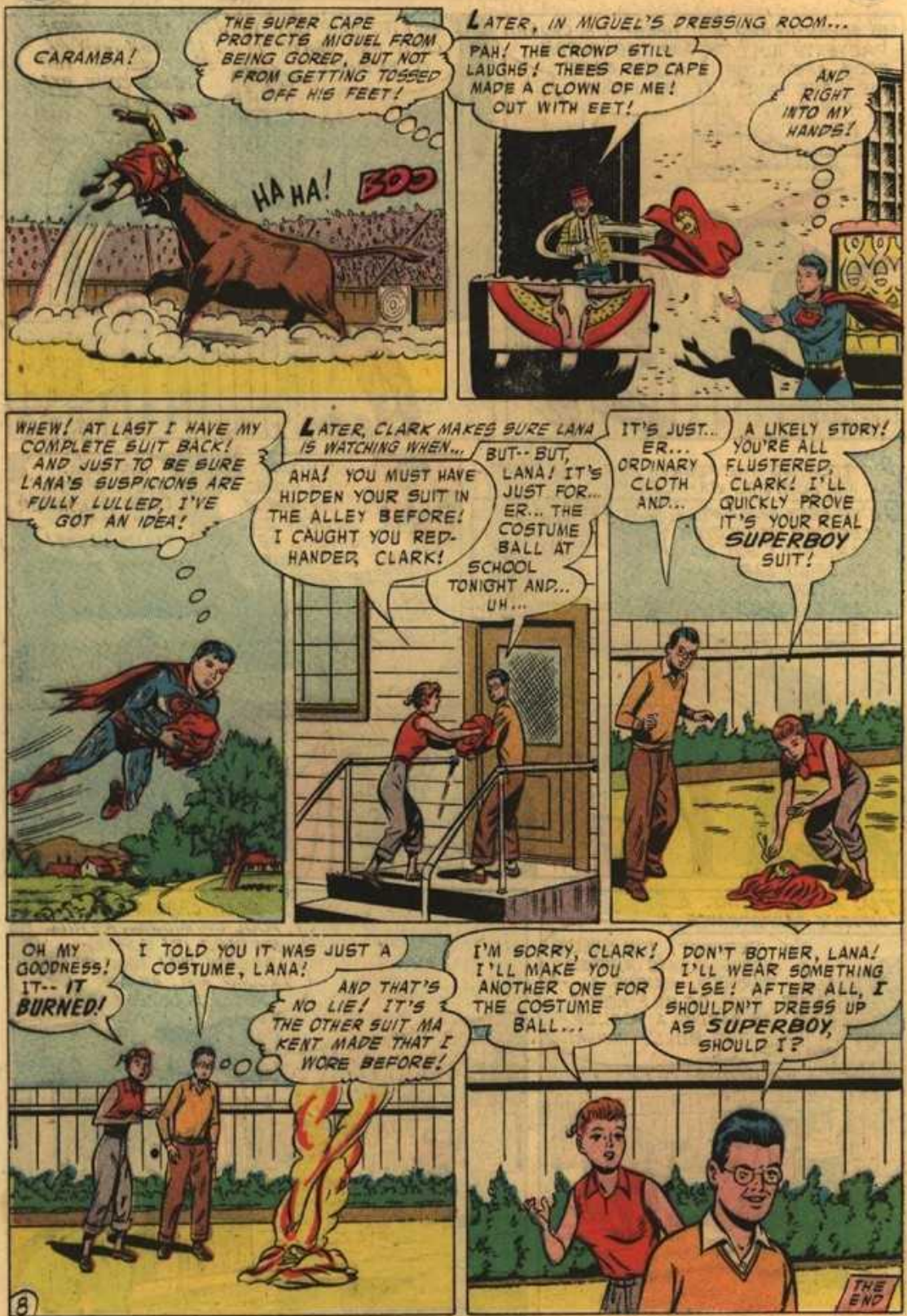

MY SUPER-SPEED PREVENTS HIM FROM SEEING ME CATCH THE SHIRT ON THIS PICKET FENCE!
YIPES-- I'M CAUGHT! AND THIS SUPER CLOTH WON'T RIP LOOSE!
GOT TO SLIP OUT OF IT AND LEAVE IT BEHIND!
JUST AS I FIGURED! I'LL WHISK AWAY MY SHIRT BEFORE THE POLICE COME BY!
BUT LOCATING THE FOURTH AND FINAL PART OF HIS COSTUME BAFFLES
I'VE BEEN USING MY TELESCOPIC VISION OVER ALL AMERICA! BUT NO SIGN OF MY CAPE! WAIT... THAT AIR-LINER CROSSING THE BORDER...
LATIN AMERICA AIRLINES
HOLY COW! IT'S MIGUEL, THE FAMOUS MEXICAN BULL-FIGHTER! HE MUST HAVE BOUGHT THE CAPE FROM THE HOBO! I MUST FOLLOW HIM!
CARAMBA! THEES SUPER CAPE WILL NEVER RIP ON THE BULL'S HORNS!
THAT AFTERNOON, AT MIGUEL'S PERFORMANCE...
PERFECT! THE BULL'S HORNS ALWAYS RIPPED THROUGH, MAKING A FOOL OF ME! NOW I AM MAKING A FOOL OF THE BULL! HAHHH!
IF MY CAPE MAKES A FOOL OF MIGUEL, HE WILL DISCARD IT! SUPER-BREATH WILL WHIP IT AROUND HIM, AS THE BULL CHARGES!


CARAMBA!
THE SUPER CAPE PROTECTS MIGUEL FROM BEING GORED, BUT NOT FROM GETTING TOSSED OFF HIS FEET!
HA HA!
BOO
LATER, IN MIGUEL'S DRESSING ROOM...
PAH! THE CROWD STILL LAUGHS! THEES RED CAPE MADE A CLOWN OF ME! OUT WITH EET!
AND RIGHT INTO MY HANDS!
WHEW! AT LAST I HAVE MY COMPLETE SUIT BACK! AND JUST TO BE SURE LANA'S SUSPICIONS ARE FULLY LULLED, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
LATER, CLARK MAKES SURE LANA IS WATCHING WHEN...
AHA! YOU MUST HAVE HIDDEN YOUR SUIT IN THE ALLEY BEFORE! I CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED, CLARK!
BUT-- BUT, LANA! IT'S JUST FOR... ER... THE COSTUME BALL AT SCHOOL TONIGHT AND... UH...
IT'S JUST.. ER... ORDINARY CLOTH AND...
A LIKELY STORY! YOU'RE ALL FLUSTERED, CLARK! I'LL QUICKLY PROVE IT'S YOUR REAL SUPERBOY SUIT!
OH MY GOODNESS! IT-- IT BURNED!
I TOLD YOU IT WAS JUST A COSTUME, LANA!
AND THAT'S NO LIE! IT'S THE OTHER SUIT MA KENT MADE THAT I WORE BEFORE!
I'M SORRY, CLARK! I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER ONE FOR THE COSTUME BALL...
DON'T BOTHER, LANA! I'LL WEAR SOMETHING ELSE! AFTER ALL, I SHOULDN'T DRESS UP AS SUPERBOY, SHOULD I?
THE END

LITTLE PETE
HERE'S PETE. LET HIM SETTLE THE ARGUMENT!
OKAY!
PETE, WHICH IS FARTHER AWAY, ENGLAND OR THE MOON?
I'D SAY ENGLAND!
ENGLAND? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
'CAUSE WE CAN SEE THE MOON, BUT WE CAN'T SEE ENGLAND!
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KING, THE GORILLA ESCAPES FROM CIRCUS
WINNIE LOOK! THE ESCAPED GORILLA!
WINGS, YOU TURN IN THE ALARM! I'LL WATCH HIM
WE'LL HAVE HELP ANY MINUTE, THANKS TO THE SPEED OF MY WINCHESTER SKATES
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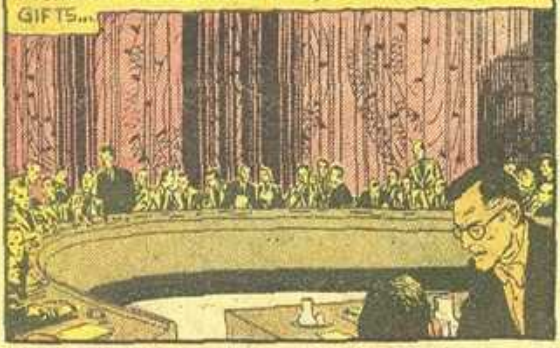

A 16-FOOT-HIGH BRONZE EQUESTRIAN FIGURE STANDS IN THE NORTH GARDENS ON A 26-FOOT HIGH PEDESTAL OF ROSE-COLOR MARBLE FROM YUGOSLAVIA. GIVEN TO **UN** BY THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA, THE STATUE SYMBOLIZES PEACE.

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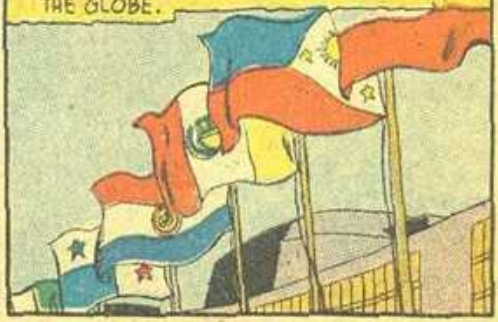

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CINEMANTICS
WHY, CERTAINLY...
MAY I ASK, SIR, WHY YOU'RE STANDING SIDEWAYS?
... I'M KEEPING THIS PLACE FOR A LADY WHO SAID SHE'D BE RIGHT BACK!
BUT WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH STANDING SIDEWAYS?
YOU SEE, BUD...
... SHE'S VERY STOUT!
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SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
YEARS AGO ON THE PLANET KRYPTON, BEFORE IT EXPLODED INTO FRAGMENTS, STRANGE, FANTASTIC ANIMALS ROAMED ITS FORESTS. CREATURES MORE FABULOUS THAN THE UNICORN AND DRAGON OF EARTH. NOW, AMAZINGLY, THEY COME TO LIFE AGAIN IN SMALLVILLE -- TO CHALLENGE MIGHTY SUPERBOY WHEN HE CONFRONTS --
THE SUPER ZOO FROM KRYPTON
EEK! MY TABLE-WARE!
JEEPERS! THIS KRYPTON HEN DRAWS FOOD INTO ITS BEAK WITH MAGNETISM! IT EATS IRON! I WISH IT WOULD STICK TO EMPTY CANS!
DIGGING FOR ANCIENT INDIAN ARROWHEADS OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE ONE DAY, PROFESSOR LANG WITNESSES A STARTLING SIGHT!
MY WORD! A... A ROCKET FROM OUTER SPACE, WHICH WAS WEDGED IN A METEOR! WHAT'S IN THE ROCKET?
CRASH
AMAZING! BIG, COLORED EGGS! AND THEY DIDN'T SMASH... THEY MUST HAVE SUPER-HARD SHELLS! BUT WHERE IN THE UNIVERSE DID THEY COME FROM? WHAT AN EXCITING MYSTERY!

BUT DRIVING BY, ONE BLACKY STONE, AN UNDERWORLD CHARACTER, IS EVEN MORE EXCITED OVER A CHUNK OF THE SHATTERED METEOR!
THIS METAL FROM THE METEOR GLOWS... WOW! IT MUST BE KRYPTONITE, THE STUFF THAT WEAKENS SUPERBOY! I'LL TAKE IT ALONG... PROFESSOR LANG DIDN'T NOTICE IT!
MEANWHILE, IN SMALLVILLE, YOUNG CLARK KENT SWITCHES TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF SUPERBOY...
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP THE SOUND OF A BIG METEOR LANDING TO THE NORTH... WHERE PROFESSOR LANG WENT DIGGING! I'LL CHECK IF HE'S SAFE!
ARRIVING, SUPERBOY HEARS THE ASTOUNDING STORY...
FROM WHAT WORLD DID THE ROCKET COME? IF WE COULD ONLY DECIPHER THE UNKNOWN LANGUAGE ON THAT NOTE I FOUND INSIDE...
HMM... IT LOOKS FAMILIAR... HOLY COW! IT'S THE LANGUAGE OF KRYPTON, MY HOME WORLD, WHICH I DECIPHERED BEFORE FROM MY FATHER'S RECORDS! I'LL TRANSLATE IT...
"IT EXPLAINS HOW, BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED, A ZOO-KEEPER WHO LOVED HIS ANIMALS, DEVISED A SPACE MISSILE..."
THERE ARE NO ROCKETS BIG ENOUGH TO SAVE MY ANIMALS OR ME... BUT PERHAPS THESE SUPER EGGS WILL SURVIVE IN THIS SPACE MISSILE AND HATCH ON ANOTHER WORLD SOME DAY!
KRYPTON ZOO
"BUT BEFORE THE SPACE MISSILE COULD BE FIRED, KRYPTON BLEW UP, AND THE MISSILE WAS HURLED AWAY, PARTLY EMBEDDED IN ROCK... TO DRIFT THROUGH SPACE FOR YEARS!"
BAMM!
FINALLY, IT LANDED HERE ON EARTH... JUST LIKE THE ROCKET WHICH BROUGHT ME HERE!
THESE EGGS ARE UNHARMED, PRESERVED BY THE ABSOLUTE ZERO TEMPERATURE OF SPACE! IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE, HELP ME HATCH THEM, SUPERBOY!

OKAY, PROFESSOR! THE CREATURES MAY TURN OUT TO BE DANGEROUS, SO, TO BE SAFE, I'LL BUILD A BIG PEN WITH DEAD TREES!
NEXT, SUPERBOY USES HIS EXTRAORDINARY POWERS TO HASTEN THE FIRST HATCHING...
I'M CURIOUS MYSELF TO SEE THESE KRYPTON CREATURES! HEAT FROM SUPER-FRICTION WILL HATCH THIS EGG IN A FEW MOMENTS!
IT'S CRACKING! SOUNDS LIKE A CHICK INSIDE!
CHEEP!
STRANGE INDEED IS THE SUPER "CHICK" OF KRYPTON THAT STEPS FORTH, HUNGRILY!
GREAT SCOTT! AN ARMOR-PLATED BIRD, WHOSE FOOD IS IRON! IT... IT'S GOBBLING DOWN THOSE OLD NAILS, LIKE MERE SEED!
EVEN MORE ASTOUNDINGLY...
LOOK! IT EVEN RADIATES MAGNETISM -- DRAWING SCRAP IRON RIGHT INTO ITS BEAK!
HMM...THIS IRON-EATING HEN CAN HELP OUT WITH SMALLVILLE'S "CLEAN UP WEEK"!
SOON, THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE AMAZED WHEN...
SUPERBOY! WHAT QUEER CRITTER IS THAT?
A KRYPTON HEN, WHICH WILL CLEAN UP ALL THE JUNK IN TOWN TODAY! I'LL HATCH ANOTHER EGG TOMORROW! HERE'S THE FULL STORY, FOLKS...
LATER, WHEN BLACKY STONE SEES THE NEWS...
OH, BOY! MY PERFECT CHANCE TO GET SUPERBOY WITH THIS KRYPTONITE... BY PLANTING IT INSIDE A FAKE EGG! HA, HA!
SUPERBOY TO HATCH OTHER SUPER EGGS ONE EACH DAY

THAT NIGHT, AT THE STOCKADE, BLACKY MAKES A SUBSTITUTION...
THE INSIDE OF THIS PHONEY EGG IS LINED WITH LEAD-FOIL -- WHICH STOPS KRYPTONITE RAYS! SUPERBOY WON'T HAVE ANY WARNING OF WHAT'S INSIDE UNTIL HE CRACKS IT OPEN! I'LL HIDE THE REAL EGG! HA, HA!
THE NEXT MORNING, UNAWARE OF THE SUBSTITUTION, SUPERBOY SELECTS ANOTHER EGG FOR HATCHING. WILL IT BE THE ONE CONTAINING THE KRYPTONITE?
READY FOR NUMBER TWO, PROFESSOR? THE SHELL IS CRACKING OPEN!
LOOK OUT-- IT'S SOME DANGEROUS SPECIES OF DINOSAUR!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL STOP IT!
GRRR
DON'T BE SO SURE, SUPERBOY!
OMIGOSH! IT KNOCKED ME DOWN! IS IT... A SUPER BEAST WITH SUPER POWERS?
THE BOY OF STEEL QUICKLY FINDS HE IS PITTED AGAINST A BEAST OF STEEL...
BOULDERS ONLY BOUNCE OFF IT HARMLESSLY! THIS CREATURE FROM KRYPTON IS AS INVULNERABLE AS I AM!
IT CAN FLY, TOO! GOT TO CHASE IT DOWN... (GULP!)... IT'S DANGEROUS!
NOTHING SLOWS IT DOWN, NOT EVEN MOUNTAINS! BUT I THINK I'M SLOWLY CATCHING UP!

BUT THE BEAST OF STEEL RETALIATES WITH A FAMILIAR KRYPTON WEAPON...
JEEPERS! IT EVEN HAS X-RAY EYES! IT SET THAT FOREST ON FIRE TO DELAY ME!
GOT TO PAUSE AND BLOW IT OUT WITH MY SUPER BREATH, EVEN IF IT MEANS GIVING THE KRYPTON BEAST TIME TO FLEE AT SUPER-SPEED!
WHOOOSH
AFTER EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES, SUPERBOY CHECKS WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION AND...
HE WENT TO FEED IN THE OCEAN! LUCKILY, LIKE ALL NEWLY BORN, HIS GREAT HUNGER WILL PROBABLY KEEP HIM EATING FISH FOR DAYS, HARMING NO ONE! CAN I FIND A WAY TO CAPTURE HIM LATER?
THE NEXT DAY, SUPERBOY HATCHES OUT A THIRD EGG...
THERE'S AN... AN ODD GLOW FROM INSIDE!
LOOK OUT, SUPERBOY... THIS MAY BE THE EGG CONTAINING THE KRYPTONITE!
BUT YOU'RE SAFE AGAIN, SUPERBOY...
THE GLOW IS FROM ITS HUGE EYE... WHICH SHOWS AN IMAGE OF SMALLVILLE JUST LIKE A TV-SCREEN! WAIT TILL I TELL THE MEMBERS OF THE SCIENCE CLUB ABOUT THIS TONIGHT!
GREAT SCOTT! NOW IT SHOWS THAT VERY SCENE-- OF MY PLANNED LECTURE TO THE SCIENCE CLUB! THIS AMAZING CREATURE CAN READ ONE'S MIND AND PROJECT THE SCENE WITH ITS TV-EYE!
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TO SUPERBOY, THE UNCANNY MIND-READING ANIMAL REPRESENTS ANOTHER KIND OF "MENACE"!
JEEPERS! THE CREATURE HAS PICKED UP MY SECRET THOUGHTS... SHOWING HOW I CHANGE BACK TO CLARK KENT! IF THE PROFESSOR SEES THIS... (GULP)... HE'LL KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY! GOT TO DO SOMETHING FAST...
WHAT DOES SUPERBOY HOPE TO GAIN BY THIS QUEER ACT?
HMM... I'LL TAP MY FOOT WITH SUPER FORCE, CAUSING POWERFUL GROUND VIBRATIONS UNDER THE ANIMAL! I HOPE THIS WORKS...
TAP! TAP!
EH? CAN'T MAKE OUT THAT BLURRED SCENE!
SAVED! THE IMAGE IS "RUNNING," JUST LIKE A BADLY-TUNED TV SCREEN! GOSH, I HOPE THE LAST HATCHING TOMORROW IS LESS TROUBLESOME!
LITTLE DO YOU SUSPECT THE GRIM TRUTH, SUPERBOY! FOR, THE NEXT MORNING, AS BLACKY STONE IMPATIENTLY OBSERVES FROM NEARBY...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING EACH TIME, FROM THIS HILL OVERLOOKING THE STOCKADE! MY FAKE EGG WOULD BE THE LAST ONE... BUT SUPERBOY IS HATCHING IT NOW!
A FALSE EGG... KRYPTONITE... OHHHH!
GOOD HEAVENS! WHO DID THIS? DON'T WORRY, SUPERBOY-- I'LL DISPOSE OF IT!
NO YOU WON'T, PROFESSOR! I'LL LOCK YOU IN THIS SPARE CAGE SUPERBOY HAD READY! I DON'T WANT SUPERBOY TO RECOVER TILL I PULL A BIG ROBBERY IN TOWN! HA, HA!
BLACKY STONE, THE CROOK!
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SUPERBOY IS TRAPPED!
TOO WEAK TO CRAWL... (GASP!)
AND I CAN'T BREAK OUT OF THIS CAGE TO HELP YOU, SUPERBOY! BLACKY STONE WON OUT!
WORSE YET, AS SUPERBOY CHECKS ON THE BEAST OF STEEL WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...
IT-- IT RAPIDLY GREW TO FULL SIZE AND IS MENACING SHIPS AT SEA! I'M NEEDED THERE... AND I CAN'T MOVE!
BUT SUPERBOY'S TELESCOPIC VISION ALSO SPOTS SOMETHING BLACKY STONE HAS FORGOTTEN... THE REAL EGG HE HID AWAY!
IT HATCHED BY ITSELF UNDER THE SUN! THAT GIANT BUTTERFLY IS LIKE A MAGPIE, THE BIRD THAT STEALS BRIGHT THINGS! IT STORES THEM IN A POUCH LIKE THAT OF A KANGAROO!
MAYBE THAT CREATURE CAN SAVE ME! KRYPTONITE DOESN'T AFFECT MY SUPER-BREATH... SO I'LL BLOW AT THOSE SPARKLING STONES AND MAKE A "TRAIL" WHICH LEADS TOWARD ME!
AS THE MAGPIE FOLLOWS THE TRAIL, SUPERBOY HAS ONE MORE PROBLEM TO SOLVE...
KRYPTONITE WILL WEAKEN THAT KRYPTON CREATURE, TOO, LIKE ME! BUT I'LL BLOW THAT LEAD-FOIL THE CROOK USED TO LINE THE INSIDE OF THE EGG! BEING BRIGHT, IT'LL ATTRACT THE CREATURE'S EYE!
WILL SUPERBOY'S INGENIOUS PLAN WORK?
THE LEAD-FOIL IS IN ITS POUCH! NOW, IF IT ONLY SPIES THE KRYPTONITE, WHICH GLOWS BRIGHTLY LIKE A "PRETTY STONE"... (GULP!)
IT WORKED! THERE GOES THE KRYPTONITE INTO ITS POUCH WHERE THE LEAD-FOIL WILL SAFELY STOP ITS RAYS, PROTECTING THE MAGPIE! MY SUPER STRENGTH IS COMING BACK!
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SOON, JUST AS BLACKY STONE IS READY FOR HIS GETAWAY AFTER A CRIME...
I ESCAPED THAT OTHER BAD EGG... NOW THIS "BAD EGG" GOES TO JAIL! THEN TO BATTLE THE SUPER BEAST!
SUPERBOY!
OUT AT SEA MEANWHILE, NAVAL UNITS ARE HOPELESSLY ATTACKING THE BEAST OF STEEL...
SHELLS HAVE NO EFFECT! EVEN SUPERBOY CAN'T DEFEAT OR CAPTURE THIS SUPER MONSTER!
YET SUPERBOY ARRIVES...
I TOOK THE KRYPTONITE BACK FROM THE "MAGPIE"... TO USE IT AGAINST THE BEAST!
BUT... BUT THE KRYPTONITE WILL FINISH SUPERBOY OFF, AS WELL AS THE BEAST! IS SUPERBOY SACRIFICING HIMSELF?
BUT THE BOY OF STEEL HAS USED HIS SUPER WITS AGAIN...
I ASKED PROFESSOR LANG TO COAT IT WITH LEAD... EXCEPT THE FRONT FACE! IN BACK OF IT, I'M SAFE FROM THE POWERFUL RAYS, WHICH ARE SHOOTING OUT LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT BEAM AT THE BEAST!
LATER, SUPERBOY SPEEDS TO ANOTHER UNINHABITED WORLD WITH A SPACE ARK...
I BROUGHT ALL THE KRYPTON ANIMALS HERE, INCLUDING THE SUPER BEAST! THEY'LL SURVIVE NICELY IN THIS PLANET'S THICK ATMOSPHERE!
BACK ON EARTH, FINALLY, AS CLARK KENT THINKS OVER THE VISITATION OF THE AMAZING "ZOO"...
AS SUPERBABY, I WAS TOO YOUNG TO VISIT THE KRYPTON ZOO! BUT FATE ARRANGED IT SO THAT PART OF THE ZOO CAME TO ME, ACROSS MILLIONS OF MILES OF SPACE!
THE END

VARSITY VIC
THERE'S ROGER!
HENRY BOLTINOFF
WAIT UP, ROG. I WANT TO SEE YOU!
HERE'S THE DOLLAR I BORROWED FROM YOU LAST WEEK!
GOLLY, THANKS! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO BEFORE?
END

# HOW TO BE A VENTRILOQUIST

## Here Are the Secrets That Will Enable You to Throw Your Voice

AT some time or another, nearly everyone has tried to imitate the remarkable skill of a ventriloquist, and found out right away that it was *impossible* to speak without moving the lips.

The fact is, speaking without lip movement *can* be done. All you need to know are the secrets that every famous ventriloquist had to learn.

Throwing the voice boils down to a method of pronouncing letters *without* the aid of your lips. You can already utter certain sounds in this manner. Let's try them.

Stand in front of a mirror and close your lips until they are about a quarter of an inch apart. Now let your upper and lower teeth touch each other slightly, and say, "Aw!" Notice that your lips have not moved! You can duplicate this first lesson in ventriloquism with such other sounds as "Oh, Oo, E, and I."

Practice these simple sounds until you have mastered them perfectly; and remember to do all your learning in front of a mirror.

Now we're ready for the really difficult sounds and letters. The sound of the letter B is made by pronouncing "VHEE." In quick succession, pronounce A, "Vhee," C. Following this exercise, try C, D, and E. These are fairly simple; but now we come to the letter F. This letter is produced by the sound of the *breath* striking the teeth. Try it, and don't worry if your lips move slightly at first. With constant practice, you will find that you will soon be doing it without any lip motion at all.

The letters G, H, I, J, K and L will give you no trouble at all. But the letter M will. M cannot possibly be pronounced without moving the lips. So ventriloquists get around it by pronouncing M as if it were spelled "Eng." Try it and watch the difference!

The letters N and O are easy, but P is another letter that requires the use of other letters. Instead of trying to pronounce P, say "Fee" and you'll find it will come out P with practice.

The next four letters, Q, R, S, and T, are simple, but when you reach the letter V, you will have to roll it out, or *prolong* it, to make it sound right.

Don't even try to pronounce the letter W as you normally do. Instead, pronounce it as "Duggle-u" or "Duddle-u." The letters X, Y, Z are easily pronounced without difficulty.

Here, then, is the ventriloquist's pronouncing alphabet:

A, Vhee, C, D, E, F (with the breath projected against the upper teeth and slightly prolonged), G, H, I, J, K, L, ENG (for M), N, O, FEE (for P), Q, R, S, T, U, VHEE (slightly prolonged like the letter F), DUGGLE-U (for W), X, Y, Z.

An important point to remember is not to try to become an expert overnight. In practicing ventriloquism, especially at the beginning, you will find your throat becoming tired and hoarse. To prevent this, practice no longer than 15 minutes a day. And as the voice grows used to the way of speaking without lip movement, the lesson periods can be lengthened

Ventriloquism isn't easy to master, but once learned, can be more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

# SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

CAN YOU IMAGINE SMALLVILLE WITHOUT **SUPERBOY**? WELL, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN, IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS! BUT WHAT YOU **CAN'T** IMAGINE ARE THE STRANGE AND IMPOSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES THAT FOLLOW WHEN **SUPERMAN** IS PULLED OUT OF THE FUTURE TO REPLACE HIS YOUTHFUL COUNTERPART AS A RESULT OF...

## SUPERBOY'S SWITCH IN TIME

AND, SON, THIS WAS YOUR ROOM WHEN YOU LIVED WITH US AS A BOY, SEE... THERE'S YOUR SPARE **SUPERBOY** SUIT!

SMALLVILLE

ONE DAY IN SMALLVILLE, AT THE HOME OF CLARK KENT, SECRETLY **SUPERBOY**...

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO ANGRY WITH CLARK. HE'S ON THE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE COMMITTEE, AND HE PROMISED TO HELP DECORATE THE GYM FOR THE BIG DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT.

HE ALSO PROMISED ME HE'D BE HOME EARLY-- AND EVEN IF HE'S **SUPERBOY**, I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM A LESSON!

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, PROFESSOR AMOS WELDON, A RENEGADE SCIENTIST, DEMONSTRATES THE LATEST OF HIS SINISTER INVENTIONS...

GOSH, PROFESSOR, YOUR NEW RAY **DOES** MELT METAL-- BUT HOW CAN WE DARE MELT THE DOORS OF THE SMALLVILLE BANK WITH **SUPERBOY**?

FORGET **SUPERBOY**! I'VE GOT A MACHINE THAT WILL STOP HIM!

A MACHINE TO STOP **SUPERBOY**? SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE--YET--A LITTLE LATER, AS **THE BOY OF STEEL** FLIES OVER SMALLVILLE ON HIS WAY HOME...

GOT HIM!

THAT FLASH! I--I FEEL SO STRANGE! WH-WHAT HIT ME?

IN WHAT SEEMS A SECOND LATER, A STUNNED AND PUZZLED **SUPERBOY** CRASHES EARTHWARD SOMEWHERE IN THE ARCTIC CIRCLE...

H-HOW DID I GET **HERE**? WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

KRASSHHH!

AT THAT MOMENT, A SQUADRON OF MODERN U.S. AIR FORCE JET PLANES FLIES OVERHEAD...

AMERICAN PLANES-- WITHOUT PROPELLERS! WHY-- SOMEHOW I MUST HAVE BEEN PROJECTED **INTO THE FUTURE!**

YES--IT IS INCREDIBLE--BUT EVEN MORE SO IS THE EFFECT ON **SUPERMAN** OF THE YEAR 1956!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND. A MOMENT AGO, I WAS IN THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICE IN METROPOLIS--AND THEN--A FUNNY FLASH--AND HERE I AM IN SMALLVILLE--THE HOME TOWN OF MY YOUTH! MAYBE IF I SCAN THE TOWN WITH MY X-RAY VISION--AND USE MY SUPER HEARING, I'LL GET A CLUE!

UNLEASHING HIS AMAZING POWERS, CLARK DOES JUST THAT, AND...

HA, HA! THAT MACHINE PROJECTED **SUPERBOY** RIGHT INTO THE FUTURE!

WH-WHAT? OF COURSE! **SUPERBOY** WENT INTO THE **FUTURE**--AND, SINCE WE BOTH CAN'T EXIST IN THE SAME PERIOD, **SUPERMAN** WENT INTO THE PAST! I--I'LL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS--AND MEANWHILE, I'VE GOT TO BREAK THE NEWS TO MY FOLKS!

PRESENTLY...

CLARK! WH-WHAT HAPPENED? YOU--YOU'VE GROWN UP... I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

GOSH, MA--DON'T BE SHOCKED! IT--IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. BUT--OF COURSE--YOU'RE PUZZLED. LET ME EXPLAIN.

BEFORE CLARK CAN EXPLAIN FULLY...
I HEARD HIM, MARTHA! YOU NEEDN'T TRY TO PROTECT HIM! I'M GOING TO SEE THAT HE GETS THE THRASHING HE DESERVES EVEN IF IT MEANS BREAKING THIS HAIRBRUSH!
INTO THE WOODSHED WITH ME YOUNG MAN, AND... WH-WHAT?
GO AHEAD, DAD. IF YOUNG CLARK DESERVES IT--YOU CAN TAKE IT OUT ON ME! WE'RE REALLY ONE AND THE SAME, YOU KNOW--AND I GUESS I CAN TAKE IT BETTER!

PRESENTLY, AFTER CLARK EXPLAINS THE ASTOUNDING SWITCH IN TIME TO HIS PARENTS...
PLEASE, CLARK--I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT SUPERBOY WOULD BE LIKE AS A MAN--WOULD--WOULD YOU SHOW ME?
CERTAINLY, MA. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO DO A FAVOR FOR ME! I'VE MISSED YOUR DELICIOUS STEWS FOR YEARS--AND MY POWERS TELL ME ONE'S ON THE STOVE NOW! NEED I SAY MORE?
SOON, AFTER A HEART-WARMING FAMILY REUNION...
JUST WHAT YOU USED TO DO--AS SUPERBOY--DRY THE DISHES WITH THE HEAT OF YOUR X-RAY VISION!
IT'S FUN, RELIVING THESE OLD TIMES, FOLKS. BUT I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE NOW. I MUST TAKE STEPS TO RETURN SUPERBOY TO HIS TIME--AND ME TO MINE!

MEANWHILE, PROFESSOR WELDON USES HIS METAL-MELTING MACHINE TO PLOT A CRIME...
WITH SUPERBOY OUT OF THE WAY, WE'LL NOW TAKE CARE OF THE POLICE! THEY'LL HAVE TO CROSS THAT BRIDGE TO REACH THE BANK--AND WITH THE BRIDGE DOWN, WE'RE SAFE!
SO, SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN SEEKS WELDON OUT...
HMM...THAT SAGGING BRIDGE! I'LL HAVE TO REPAIR IT--BEFORE ALL SMALLVILLE TRAFFIC IS DISRUPTED!

MOMENTS LATER...
THIS OLD GIRDER I FOUND SHOULD DO THE TRICK. I'LL BEND IT INTO A U-SHAPE...
...AND WHILE HOLDING THE BRIDGE UP WITH ONE HAND, RUN THE SUPPORT INTO THE EARTH WITH THE OTHER. THAT SHOULD LAST TILL MORE PERMANENT REPAIRS ARE MADE!
MEANWHILE...
L-LOOK! YOU GOT RID OF SUPERBOY. B-BUT...
I GOT SUPERMAN IN HIS PLACE! SENDING ONE INTO THE FUTURE DELIVERED THE OTHER INTO THE PAST. I DIDN'T FORESEE THIS--BUT I CAN HANDLE IT. I HAVE ANOTHER NEW INVENTION...
BY A STRANGE COINCIDENCE, JUST AS THE SINISTER SCIENTIST FINISHES HIS SENTENCE...
...THIS MACHINE WILL ENLARGE ANY OBJECT IN THE WORLD!
S-SUPERBOY.. SO BIG! I WONDER-- WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? WH-WHY-- THAT MACHINE MUST HAVE BEEN AIMED AT SUPERBOY AND INCREASED HIS SIZE! WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!
SECONDS LATER...
L-LANA LANG! AND--FROM HER EXPRESSION-- THERE'S TROUBLE.. FOR SUPERBOY!
NOW THAT THAT MACHINE MADE YOU THE SIZE OF AN ADULT, I CAN PROVE THAT YOU'RE CLARK KENT-- BECAUSE HE MUST BE GROWN UP, TOO! I BET CLARK DOESN'T APPEAR ANYWHERE IN SMALLVILLE TODAY!
CLARK'S SUPPOSED TO TRY OUT FOR THE SCHOOL PLAY, TODAY, AND THEN HELP IN HIS DAD'S STORE-- AND IF HE DOESN'T SHOW UP IN HIS NORMAL SIZE, I'LL KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
WHEW! I CAN'T LEAVE LITTLE CLARK A PROBLEM LIKE THIS! NOT ONLY DO I HAVE TO DISPOSE OF WELDON--BUT OF LANA'S SUSPICIONS, TOO!
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YES--IT'S DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR SUPERMAN! EVEN AS HE WALKS WITH LANA, HIS X-RAY VISION IS TRAINED ON LANA, AND...
THIS ENLARGING MACHINE WILL MAKE SUPERMAN A MILE HIGH--SO BIG THAT HE'LL BE TOO AWKWARD TO USE HIS SUPER POWERS WITH SPEED AND ACCURACY!
WH-WHAT? IT--IT WON'T WORK ON ME-- B-BUT LANA!
LANA! LOOK OUT!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG? I--I DON'T SEE ANY-THING!
NO--LANA CAN'T SEE THAT INVISIBLE RAY, BUT ONLY MOMENTS LATER...
S-SUPERBOY! L-LOOK AT ME! THE SAME EN-LARGING MACHINE THEY USED ON YOU! WHAT--WHAT WILL I DO?
THANK GOODNESS I GOT HER OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE IT HAD MUCH EFFECT--BUT WHAT NOW?
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO HELP HER NOW--BUT MAYBE I CAN MAKE HER FEEL BETTER UNTIL I DO!
I'LL THINK OF A WAY OUT--BUT--SINCE WE'RE BOTH ER--LARGER THAN USUAL--LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE SCHOOL DANCE TONIGHT!
OH, SUPERBOY--THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!
LATER THAT DAY...
MY ENLARGING RAY DIDN'T WORK ON SUPERMAN--BUT THIS MACHINE MAY STILL HELP US GET THE CONTENTS OF SMALLVILLE BANK!
I COULD STOP WELDON NOW--BUT SOME-HOW I FEEL I CAN USE HIM TO GET ME OUT OF THIS MESS!
THAT EVENING, HOWEVER, ALL PROBLEMS ARE FORGOTTEN AS...
I'M SO HAPPY--I--I FEEL AS IF I'M DANCING ON AIR.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT--BUT SHE IS!
AND, LATER THAT NIGHT, SUPERMAN ENJOYS A PLEASURE HE'S ALMOST FORGOTTEN...
NO MATTER HOW BIG YOU ARE, YOU'RE STILL MY BOY! GOODNIGHT, DEAR.
GOODNIGHT, MA. SEEING YOU AND DAD AGAIN HAS BEEN WORTH ALL THE TROUBLE CAUSED BY WELDON'S TIME RAY!
SMALLVILLE
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NEXT MORNING...
I DON'T THINK IT WILL WORK--BUT IT'S GIVEN ME A TERRIFIC IDEA!
THIS MACHINE SHOULD MAKE ME INVISIBLE--AND ENABLE ME TO ROB THAT BANK UNSEEN!
A LITTLE LATER...
IT--IT'S CLARK'S VOICE--BUT WHERE IS HE?
I BET THE MAN WHO MADE THAT ENLARGING MACHINE ALSO HAD ONE THAT MAKES PEOPLE INVISIBLE! THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENED TO POOR CLARK!
LANA! SUPERBOY! HELP ME!
MAYBE--BUT I THINK YOU USED SUPER VENTRILOQUISM TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF CLARK'S INVISIBLE--TO EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT HE DAREN'T BE SEEN BECAUSE HE'S JUST AS BIG AS YOU!
I EXPECTED HER TO BE DOUBTFUL--BUT I PLANTED THE IDEA--AND THAT'S ALL I WANTED NOW!
SECONDS LATER, IN AN ISOLATED PART OF SMALLVILLE...
LOTS OF CLAY BENEATH HERE--AND I CAN USE IT!
SMASH
FOR A WHILE, THE MAN OF STEEL BUSIES HIMSELF MOLDING THE CLAY, MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED!
NEXT, SUPERMAN MAKES A HURRIED TRIP TO A HUGE MANUFACTURING TOWN...
I'LL HAVE TO BREATHE IN PLENTY OF THESE FUMES!

SOON, IN SMALLVILLE...
I'LL COVER SMALLVILLE WITH SMOG--JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR LANA TO BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE--AND THEN BLOW IT AWAY BEFORE ANY HARM CAN BE DONE!
SCANT SECONDS LATER...
I COULD SEE IN THAT SMOG--ENOUGH TO PLACE THESE CLAY PUPPETS IN LANA'S PATH--AND NOW I CAN MANIPULATE THEM FROM HERE AND MAKE THEM SEEM LIKE REAL PEOPLE!
THAT'S FUNNY--I'M BUMPING INTO SOMETHING I CAN'T SEE!
ME TOO!
THAT INVISIBLE MACHINE SUPERBOY MENTIONED--IT MUST HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON ME BY ACCIDENT--JUST AS THE ENLARGING RAY WAS!
YES, LANA--THAT'S JUST WHAT SUPERMAN WANTS YOU TO THINK!
UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER--THE BEST LAID PLANS OF EVEN SUPERMAN GO ASTRAY AT TIMES!
KRAK-K!
WH-WHAT? LIGHTNING--A SUDDEN STORM--THAT CLAY FIGURE SMASHED! LANA WILL GUESS EVERYTHING!
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT LANA DOES...
IT CERTAINLY (GROAN) IS! WHAT CAN I DO NOW?
CLAY FIGURES--JUST PUPPETS! SUPERBOY WAS TRYING TO MAKE ME THINK I WAS INVISIBLE SO I'D BELIEVE CLARK WAS INVISIBLE! THAT'S ABSOLUTE EVIDENCE OF HIS IDENTITY!
I'VE CERTAINLY GOTTEN YOUNG CLARK INTO A MESS NOW! AND, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WAY TO GET HIM OUT! I--I MUST THINK--HARD--AND A LOT!

FOR LONG MOMENTS, SUPERMAN IS LOST IN THOUGHT, AND THEN...
WHAT AN IDEA! I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE A FEW CHANGES IN ONE OF WELDON'S MACHINES, LEAVE A NOTE WITH MA AND PA, AND ALL THE PROBLEMS WILL BE COMPLETELY SETTLED!
SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
IT WAS WONDERFUL SEEING YOU AGAIN, BUT I'LL HAVE TO GO NOW. LEAVE THIS WHERE SUPERBOY WILL SEE IT WHEN HE COMES HOME!
YES.. MY SON--SUPERMAN. I--I'M SO HAPPY, YOU--YOU BECAME THE KIND OF SUPERMAN I ALWAYS HOPED MY SUPERBOY WOULD BE!
SOON...
I CHANGED YOUR MACHINE, WELDON, SO IT SENDS PEOPLE BACK INTO THE PAST! IN A MOMENT YOU WILL RETURN TO THE TIME ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU AIMED THIS AT SUPERBOY! AFTER THAT, IT WILL BE AS IF NONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TODAY EVER OCCURRED!
KRAKK
FOR A MOMENT THE STRANGE RADIANCE COVERS WELDON... AND THEN... A PUZZLED SUPERBOY RETURNS HOME WHERE...
THIS LETTER--WRITTEN TO MYSELF IN MY OWN HANDWRITING--TELLING ME TO ARREST A MAN NAMED WELDON AND DESTROY HIS MACHINES... WHEN DID I WRITE IT, MA?
I--I HAVE A VAGUE KIND OF RECOLLECTION, BUT I--I DON'T KNOW, SON!
SMA
PRESENTLY...
I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME, WELDON--YOU'RE WANTED FOR A DOZEN CRIMES BY THE POLICE!
I--I DON'T GET IT! HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MACHINE WAS--AND WHAT I PLANNED TO DO WITH IT?
STRANGELY ENOUGH--THAT'S AN UNANSWERABLE QUESTION TO SUPERBOY--AND THAT NIGHT... AT THE SMALLVILLE HIGH DANCE...
I HAD THE STRANGEST DREAM--THAT YOU WERE LARGER--AND I WAS--AND--I DON'T KNOW--IT'S ALL MIXED UP. I'M FORGETTING IT EVEN NOW!
INCREDIBLE! I HAVE A VAGUE RECOLLECTION THAT--BUT NO--IT'S GONE! MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION!
THE END.